

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 3, lines 14 through 24, please amend the paragraph as follows:

the projection lens system is characterized by terms and conditions defined as in the following formulae:

$$(1) \quad \cancel{0.9 \leq f_1/f \leq 1.4} \qquad \underline{0.9 < f_1/f < 1.4}$$

$$(2) \quad \cancel{2.1 < f_2/f < 3.4} \qquad \underline{2.1 < f_2/f < 3.4}$$

$$(3) \quad \cancel{1.9 \leq f_3/f \leq 2.8} \qquad \underline{1.9 < f_3/f < 2.8}$$

where f is a total focal length throughout the lens system, f₁ is a focal length of the first group of lenses, f₂ is a focal length of the second group of lenses, and f₃ is a focal length of the third group of lenses.

On page 5, lines 11 through 15, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A second preferred embodiment according to the present invention is characterized in that focusing is attained by displacement of the second group of lenses in a range satisfying the following formula:

$$(4) \quad \cancel{-0.1 \leq 1/\beta_2 \leq 0.1} \qquad \underline{-0.1 < 1/\beta_2 < 0.1}$$

where β_2 is an imaging magnification.